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L A W S of Maryland,

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At a Session of A S S E M B L Y, begun
and held at the City of *ANNAPOLIS*, on *Friday*, the Nineteenth Day
of *March*, in the Twenty First Year of
the Dominion of the Right Honourable
CHARLES, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*,
Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the
Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, &c.
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An A C T, *Reviving and Continuing An Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act, for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace.*

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the above-mentioned Act, intituled, *An Act, for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace,* made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Eleventh Day of July, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and Two, be and is hereby Revived and Continued, to be and remain in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years, from the End of this Session of Assembly, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An A C T, *to Continue an Act, intituled, An Act, for Raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned.*

WHEREAS, an Act of Assembly, pass'd at Annapolis, at a Session of Assembly held there the Eleventh Day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two, intituled, *An Act, for Raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned,* which said Act was continued by another Act, made at a Session of Assembly, held at Annapolis, the Thirteenth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Two, intituled, *An Act, to continue an Act, for Raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned.* And whereas, this present General Assembly, as well to testify their Affection and Regard for his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; our Governor, as our Gratitude, for his just Administration during his Government, and desirous to encourage Learning, are willing that it may be enacted;

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said first mentioned Act, shall continue from the Twenty Ninth Day of September, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Six, until the Twenty Ninth Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Nine.

PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, That in Case the said Samuel Ogle should die, or be removed from being Governor, before the Twenty Ninth Day of September, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Nine; that then, at the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after such Death, or

Removal, as aforesaid, this Act shall be void, to all Intents and Purposes; any thing herein before contained, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT, to continue an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act, for the better Relief of poor Debtors.*

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the above-mentioned Act, intituled, *An Act, for the better Relief of poor Debtors*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Ninth Day of October, Anno Domini, Seventeen Hundred Twenty and Two, be and is hereby Continued, to be and remain in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years, from the End of this Session of Assembly, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the said Three Years.

PROVIDED, That this Act, or the Act hereby intended to be Revived, shall not extend, nor be construed to extend, to exempt any Person or Persons whatsoever, from the Payment of his Lordship's Quit-Rents, Alienation Fines, or other Dues and Duties, payable to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, or his Governor, for the Time being, for his or their sole Benefit, in any Specie or Manner, to which such Person or Persons would have been liable, if this Act had never been made.

A Supplementary ACT, to the Act, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit; and to Restrain some evil Practices of Sheriffs, under Colour of the said Act, committed.*

WHEREAS, by the said Act, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, amongst other Things, *It is Enacted*, That the said Bills of Credit should pass in Payment, Satisfaction, and Discharge of all Contracts to be made, from and after the Publication of the said Act, within this Province, for Current Money; and that all, or any of the Inhabitants of this Province, might and were, by the said Act, enabled to discharge all Levies, (the Forty *per Poll*, and all Tobacco directed by any Act of Assembly of this Province, to be levied and applied to the Building and Repairing any Church or Churches therein excepted,) in the said Bills of Credit, or Gold, or Silver: And that all Bounties, Rewards, and Allowances, given and allowed by any Act of Assembly of this Province, in Tobacco; and also, all Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, settled and established in Tobacco, by any Law of this Province, should and might be paid, satisfied, and discharged, in the said Bills of Credit, or Gold, or Silver, rating Tobacco at Ten Shillings *per Hundred*, and in Proportion for a lesser Quantity, with Proviso, that no Person should be obliged to pay the said Bills of Credit, or Gold, or Silver, in Lieu of Tobacco; but that every such Person should be at Liberty to pay Tobacco for the said Levies and Penalties, as if this Act had never been made. And whereas, by the said Act, another Provision was made; *to wit*, That every Person who should not tender or pay such Bills of Credit, or Gold, or Silver, by the

the Tenth Day of *April*, Yearly, during the Continuance of that Act, should be obliged to pay all Levies in Tobacco, as if the said Act had never been made. And whereas, several the good People of this Province, liable to pay the Public and County Levies, have also Allowances made them from the Public or County, by Laws now in Being, for certain Services to the Country; and most justly conclude, that the several Sheriffs should and ought to discount with them, at Ten Shillings *per* Hundred, for so much Tobacco as they are allowed in their Hands, or so much as will discharge that Part of their Levy, as is by the said Act liable to be paid in Money, at the Rate of Ten Shillings *per* Hundred, be it before or after the Tenth of *April*, Yearly; yet so it is, that the said Sheriffs insist, and do pay several of the Inhabitants their whole Allowances, at Ten Shillings Current Money *per* Hundred, and at the same Time demand, and actually have from them, either the whole of the Tobacco they stand charged with, for Public or County Levies, or from Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence *per* Hundred, to Twenty Five Shillings *per* Hundred: Therefore, which Practice, if suffered, must greatly tend to the Ruin and Impoverishment of many the good People of this Province, and to the great Discredit of the said Current Money: For Remedy whereof, it is prayed that it be Enacted:

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, all Public and County Allowances, of what Nature soever, and Parish Taxes, (the Forty *per* Poll excepted,) which shall hereafter be made and allowed by the Public, or any County, shall be levied and made in the Current Money of this Province, in the same Manner, as by former Laws, Tobacco might be levied, and not otherwise. And that all such Allowances, Bounties, Rewards, and Fines, as are now settled by Act of Assembly, in Tobacco, be assessed and levied also in Current Money, at the Rate of Ten Shillings *per* Hundred for Tobacco, and so in Proportion, for a greater or lesser Sum; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An A C T, Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act, to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco, and Tobacco-houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences.*

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the above-mentioned Act, intituled, *An Act, to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco, and Tobacco-houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences*; made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, the Eleventh Day of *July*, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two, be and is hereby Revived and Continued, to be and remain in full Force, for and during

ting the Term of Three Years, from the End of this Session of Assembly, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An ACT, for Building a Public Goal, in Annapolis.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to build a Public Goal, in the City of *Annapolis*, with such Conveniences as may render Confinement less grievous, as well as secure Prisoners:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Honourable Col. *Charles Hammond*, of the Upper House, Mr. *Philip Hammond*, Mr. *Vachel Denton*, *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; and Mr. *Richard Warfield*, or the Major part of them, shall be Commissioners; and are authorised and impowered, by Virtue of this Act, to purchase, for the Use of the Public, a convenient Piece of Ground, within the City of *Annapolis*, whereon to build a Public Goal; and to agree for Materials, and with Workmen, to complete and finish the said Prison; which Prison, when so built and finished, shall, by the said Commissioners, be put into the Possession and Custody of the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, for the Time being; and so shall remain and continue, in the Custody and Possession of such Sheriff, and his Successors.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Provincial Court, to commit any Persons for Debt, or for any other Cause whatsoever, to the Custody of the said Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County; to be by him, in the said Prison detained, according to such Commitment; or to be remanded to any other Prison, as the Law or the Nature of the Case, may require.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not be construed to give the said Provincial Court any Power or Jurisdiction, contrary to the true Intent, and Meaning of *An Act*, intituled, *An Act, for taking special Bail in the several Counties of this Province, upon Actions or Suits depending in His Majesty's Provincial Court, and in the several County Courts of this Province*; against which Sheriff or Sheriffs, Actions or Prosecutions for the Escape of such Prisoners, may be brought or commenced, as in any other Case of Commitment and Escape, according to Law.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That besides the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, already appointed, to be expended for building a Prison for *Anne-Arundel* County, in and by the Act, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*; a further Sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds Current Money, shall be laid out to purchase convenient Ground, as aforesaid, and to build a Goal thereon; which Sum of One Thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be paid by the Commissioners or Trustees, for Emitting the Bills of Credit, and their Successors; and as well the said Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, as the said further Sum of One Thousand Pounds, shall be paid to the Orders of the Commissioners, aforesaid, or the Majority of them.

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An ACT, relating to the Placing and Building a Prison in Somerset County.

WHEREAS, by an Act of Assembly, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, amongst other Things, *It was Enacted*, That Five Hundred Pounds shall be laid out in each respective County, within this Province, for Building Goals, near and convenient to the several Court-houses: And whereas, it is made appear to this General Assembly, that *Princess-Anne Town*, in Somerset County, will be a much more convenient Place, for a Goal in the said County, than at the present Court-house of the said County:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Goal to be erected or built in Somerset County, shall be erected or built at *Princess-Anne Town*, in the said County, as the Members of the Lower House of Assembly for that County, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall direct; any thing in the before mentioned Act, to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent, aforesaid, That the Commissioners or Trustees, for Emitting the Bills of Credit aforesaid, shall, on Demand, pay unto the said Members of the Lower House of Assembly, for Somerset County, or the major Part of them, or their, or the major Part of their Order, the aforesaid Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the Purpose aforesaid; which the said Members, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered to lay out, in erecting or building the said Goal.

An ACT, Enabling the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, to pay to the Representatives of several Counties, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds each.

WHEREAS, by the Act, intituled, *An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, amongst other Things, *It was Enacted*, That Five Hundred Pounds in each respective County within this Province, should be laid out, in building convenient Goals in the respective Counties, near and convenient to the several Court-houses, under the Direction and Appointment of the several Representatives of the several Counties, for the Time being: And forasmuch, as no Provision is made by the said Act, Enabling the Commissioners or Trustees of the Paper Currency Office, to pay out the said Sums:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said

Commissioners or Trustees, for the Time being, at the Request, and by the Order of the Representatives of *St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Baltimore, Calvert, Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil* Counties, shall pay to such Representatives, for the Time being, or the major Part of the Representatives of each County, or their Order, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in the said Bills of Credit; to be applied, as by the aforesaid recited Act is directed; any Law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An A C T, Ascertainin^g the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads ; and to prevent Cutting, Cropping, and Defacing Tobacco, taken on board Ships or Vessels, upon Freight.

WHEREAS, as well for the Supporting and Maintaining the Public Faith and Credit, by the just and equal Paiments of all Duties laid upon Tobacco, exported out of this Province; as also for the Encouragement of Trade, by the fair and honest Performance of all Contracts, concerning the Freight of Tobacco, which is usually exported in Hogsheads, it is absolutely necessary, That the Gauge of Tobacco Hogsheads should be ascertained :

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *October* next ensuing, no Hoghead or Hogsheads wherein any Tobacco shall be packed, shall exceed Forty Eight Inches in the Stave, and Thirty Two Inches in the Diameter of the Head, within the Croze, or Thirty Seven Inches in the Diameter of the Bulge. And for deterring all Persons whatsoever, from the committing any Fraud in the Gauge of their Tobacco Hogsheads, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act,

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for any Person or Persons, suspecting or knowing of any Hoghead or Hogsheads, that shall exceed the Gauge aforesaid, to call to his Assistance, any Justice, Sheriff, Coroner, or Constable, living or residing within the County where such Tobacco Hogsheads shall be suspected or known, and to enter into any House, Warehouse, Ship, Boat, or other Vessel, and there, in the Presence of such Justice, or other Officer aforesaid, who are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to such Informer therein, to seize and mark with the Broad Arrow, every such Hoghead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, as such Informer shall request such Justice, or other Officer, to view, on Suspicion of exceeding the Gauge aforesaid: And also, That such Justice, or other Officer, shall, on Request of such Informer, (and is hereby required to) proceed in such Manner as he shall think most proper, to examine the Gauge thereof, so as no Hoghead or Hogsheads of Tobacco stowed away on board any Ship or other Sea Vessel, shall, on such Information, be unstowed; unless such Hoghead or Hogsheads appear in View: And if upon such Examination, any Hoghead or Hogsheads shall, by any such Justice or other Officer aforesaid, be found to exceed the Gauge aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or other Officer, immediately to condemn the same, to the Use of such Informer, who shall thereupon be immediately invested with the Property thereof; and the Judgment of such Justice or other Officer therein, shall be final: And if the Tobacco so seized and condemned, as aforesaid, should happen to be packed and paid away by any other Person than the Party in whose Possession

Possession the same shall be so seized and condemned, as aforesaid, then, and in all such Cases, the Person or Persons by whose Order the same was packed and paid away, as aforesaid, shall satisfy and pay the Party to whom such Tobacco shall belong, at the Time of such Seizure and Condemnation, as aforesaid, the like Quantity of Tobacco, so seized and condemned, as aforesaid; to be recovered before One Justice of the Peace, in the County where such Person or Persons actually reside, who shall pack and pay away such Tobacco so seized and condemned, as aforesaid, together with the Plaintiff's real Cost expended therein: But in Case such Hogshead or Hogsheads so seized, as aforesaid, be found not to exceed the Gauge aforesaid, then such Mark of Seizure shall be struck out by such Officer aforesaid, and the Seizure be thereby released. But in Case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall have Sight of any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco that he or they shall suspect to exceed the Gauge, it shall and may, in such Case, be lawful for such Person or Persons immediately to seize and mark the same, as aforesaid, although no Justice, or other Officer, as aforesaid, be present; of which Seizure, such Informer shall forthwith give Information to some Justice, or other Officer, as aforesaid, living and residing in the County where such Hogshead or Hogsheads shall be so marked or seized, who shall be, by this Act, obliged immediately to go with such Informer, to view and examine the Gauge of such Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, after the same Manner, and to the Uses aforesaid; or to release the Seizure thereof, as herein before directed: And every such Informer shall pay the Justice, or other Officer, as aforesaid, making such View or Condemnation aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings Current Money, for every such Hogshead that such Justice or other Officer shall be requested to view or examine, by such Informer, whether the Hogshead or Hogsheads so viewed, be condemned, or not; to be recovered, according to an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act, for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace*, and to be taken out of the whole Value of any Hogshead of Tobacco which shall be condemned, as aforesaid; and where there shall not be any Condemnation, to be paid by the Informer, and recovered, as aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in Case any of the Justices of the County Courts, any Sheriff, Coroner, or Constable, who, upon Application made by any Informer, shall, without lawful Excuse or Impediment, refuse or delay to perform what is required of them by this Act, the Justice, or other Officer, so refusing, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money, for every Hogshead so by him refused to be viewed; one Moiety thereof to the Use of his Lordship; and the other Moiety to the Use of such Informer: To be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in the proper County; wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, after such Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, marked with the Broad Arrow aforesaid, and before View thereof by any Officer, as aforesaid, shall presume to remove, alter, or change any Hogshead marked, as aforesaid, or the Tobacco therein, to avoid the Justice of this Act; nor after View and Condemnation, in Manner aforesaid, shall presume to alter or change, or in any-wise meddle with such condemned Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, without Leave or License from such Informer, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of every Hogshead of Tobacco so removed, altered, or changed, as aforesaid; the Sum of Ten Pounds Current

rent Money, to the Use of such Informer : To be recovered in any County Court, within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case of any Seizure of any Hoghead or Hogheads as aforesaid, which shall be found to exceed the Gauge aforesaid, if the Party to whom the same belongs, or in whose Possession the same is found, shall, by his own Oath, or the Oath of any credible Witness, prove to the Satisfaction of such Officer as aforesaid, that the said Hoghead was made and packed before the Commencement of this Act; then, and in such Case, such Seizure shall be immediately released and discharged, in Manner aforesaid, without any Costs or Charges whatsoever, to the Party so in Possession of such Hoghead of Tobacco aforesaid. And whereas, the Inhabitants of this Province, that ship Tobacco on board Ships and other Vessels upon Freight, are much abused by the Cropping, Lessening, and Diminishing the Hoghead wherein such Tobacco is packed, by Masters of Ships or other Vessels, or Persons under their Command and Government : For Remedy whereof, for the future,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel, within this Province, after the First Day of *October* next, shall receive any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco on board his said Ship, or Vessel, under his Command, on Freight; and shall, either by himself, or any other Person or Officer on board his said Ship, cut, or suffer any Hoghead or Hogheads of Tobacco to be cut, cropt, or lessened in their Length or Breadth, or by any other Ways or Means, abused, defaced, or impaired; to be proved by the Oath of any sufficient Person, to whom the Tobacco is consigned in *Great-Britain*, or other sufficient Witness taken before any Magistrate, according to the Form of the Statute in such Cases provided, and sent hither by any other legal Proof whatsoever, made in this Province, or elsewhere, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money of *Maryland*, to the Party grieved: To be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, against such Master, by Action of Debt, on the Case, or against the Surety or Sureties of such Master of a Ship or Vessel, out of the Penalty of the impost Bond, to be given by such Master, within One Year after the Date of the Bill or Bills of Lading of such Tobacco.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That any Person who shall ship any Tobacco on board any Ship or Vessel upon Freight; and shall suspect that such Tobacco be cut, cropped, or defaced, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, may repair on board any such Ship or Vessel, and view his or her Tobacco; provided that no Tobacco that is stowed away out of View, shall be unstowed, to be so examined or viewed as aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any Master, or other Person, having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel, who shall presume to hinder any such Freighter, or other Person or Persons, from going between the Decks, or into the Hole, for the Purposes aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, Fifty Pounds Current Money; One Moiety thereof to the Lord Proprietary; the other Moiety to the Freighter, or other Person, who will sue for the same: To be recovered, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

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AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Surety or Sureties of any Master of a Ship or Vessel within this Province, shall be liable to make Satisfaction, according to this Act, for cropping, cutting, abusing, defacing, or impairing any Hogshead or Hogsheads of Tobacco, as aforesaid; and prosecuted in any Court of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea thereof: And that every Naval Officer within this Province, shall, on Pain of Five Pounds Current Money to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered, as aforesaid, certify under his Hand and Seal, a true Copy of the Impost Bond of any Master of a Ship, in order to be put in Suit against such Master, or his Surety or Sureties; and that such Copy shall be a sufficient Evidence in any Court of Record where such Action shall be commenced, as the original Bond; for which Copy and Certificate, the Naval Officer may have and receive the Sum of Ten Shillings Current Money, and no more: And that the several and respective Naval Officers within this Province, shall hang a fair Copy of this Act in their respective Offices, for the Perusal of Masters of Ships and Vessels; the said Naval Officers to have and receive for the said Copy, Ten Shillings Current Money, to be allowed them in the County Levy.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That every Person or Persons paying, or tendering to pay, any Hogshead of Tobacco, whereon the full Weight of the empty Hogshead, within Five Pounds, is not cut or marked upon the Bulge of such Hogshead, and be thereof convict, in Manner aforesaid, he and they so convict, as aforesaid, shall forfeit, for every such Hogshead or Hogsheads not having the Weight set thereon, as aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings Current Money; the one Half thereof to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, toward defraying the Charge of the County where such Offence shall be committed; the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same: To be recovered before a single Magistrate, as in Cases of small Debts.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the said Three Years.

An ACT, for the further Assessment of Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of Durham Parish, in Charles County, to be applied to the finishing of a new Church in the said Parish, already begun to be built.

WHEREAS, the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and others, the Inhabitants of *Durham Parish*, in the County aforesaid, have, by their Petition to this present General Assembly, set forth, That before the making of an Act, intituled, *An Act, for the Emitting and Making Current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, they had contracted for the Building of a Church in the said Parish, for the Sum of Ninety Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, which is less, by Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, than they yet have raised, or without a Law to enable them, can raise in Tobacco; and have therefore prayed, That an Act may pass, to empower them to raise and levy the said Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish:

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BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Charles County Court shall and may, and they are hereby authorised and directed, on the Application of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the Parish aforesaid, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, at the laying the next Levy for their said County, the aforesaid Quantity of Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, to finish and complete the Church in the said Parish, already begun to be built; which said Tobacco so to be levied, shall be collected by the Sheriff of Charles County, for the Time being, who is hereby authorised and directed to collect the same; who shall have for such Collection, at and after the Rate of Five *per Cent.* And the said Tobacco, when so collected, shall be paid to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens aforesaid; who are hereby authorised and required to apply the same to the finishing and completing the Church aforesaid.

An ACT, for the further Assessment of so much Money on the taxable Inhabitants of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's and Charles Counties, as will build a new Church, in that Part of the Parish which lies in St. Mary's County; for the Repairing of Newport Church, in the same Parish, already begun to be built; and to appoint a Time for the Freeholders to meet, in order to chuse a Place to build the said Church upon.

WHEREAS, the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, of the Parish aforesaid, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That the Five Hundred Pounds, which they were the last Session of Assembly, by an Act of Assembly, intituled, *An Act, empowering the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's and Charles Counties, to purchase Two Acres of Land in the said Parish, in St. Mary's County, to build a Church on; and for Raising a Fund, as well to complete the said Purchase and Buildings, as to repair Newport Church, in Charles County, within the said Parish,* enabled to raise, for the Purposes therein mentioned, is not sufficient for the Building and Repairs in the said Act specified; and that the Day appointed, in Pursuance of the said Act, for the Parishioners to meet, for appointing where the said new Church should stand, proved so rainy and bad, that very many of the Parishioners could not meet, so that it is necessary another Opportunity should be given them, to vote and determine where the said new Church shall be built; and also, that they are apprehensive they may need to purchase Two Acres of Land, for erecting the said Church on, and railing in a Church-yard: And have therefore prayed, that an Act may pass, for a further Assessment of a Sum of Money, to defray the Expences of the Building and Purchase aforesaid; and for the appointing a Time for the chusing where the said new Church shall stand:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of St. Mary's and Charles County Courts shall and may, and are hereby authorised and empowered, on the Application of the Vestry and Church-

Churchwardens of the said Parish, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds Current Money, besides the Sum already enacted to be raised; provided the Quantity of Money to be raised in any one Year, do not exceed the Sum of Five Shillings Current Money for each taxable Person in the said Parish: Which said Monies so to be levied, shall be collected by the Sheriffs of *St. Mary's* and *Charles* Counties, for the Time being, who are hereby authorised and directed to collect the same; and who shall have, for such Collection, at and after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent.* And the said Money so collected, shall be paid Yearly to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens; who are hereby authorised and required to apply the same, to the purchasing of Two Acres of Land, and building a new Church, and repairing of *Newport* Church, as aforesaid. And whereas, it may so happen, that the Person or Persons interested in the said Two Acres of Land aforesaid, may wilfully refuse to make Sale thereof; or the Person or Persons interested therein, thro' Nonage, Coverture, or *Non sane Memoriae*, or other Impediment or Disability, may be unable to do the same:

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Vestrymen and Churchwardens aforesaid, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorised, by Virtue of this Act, to issue out a Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of *St. Mary's* County, for the Time being, to impower him to impanel and return a Jury of Freeholders to appear before the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens; which Jury, upon their Oaths to be administered by the said Sheriff, are to enquire and assess such Damages and Recompence, as they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners, and all Persons interested, according to their several and respective Interest in the said Two Acres of Land, or any Part thereof; and what Sum of Money the said Jury shall adjudge the said Two Acres of Land to be worth, shall be paid to the said Owners and Persons interested, by the Vestrymen and Churchwardens aforesaid, out of the Money to be levied, as aforesaid; which said Two Acres, so to be valued, as aforesaid, shall be surveyed by the Surveior of the County, and staked out, and a Certificate thereof made and returned by the said Surveior, with the Plat thereof, to the Vestrymen and Churchwardens; which said Certificate so returned, shall be entered on the Register Book of the said Parish, and there to remain, as the undoubted Bounds of the said Two Acres of Land, for ever.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Freeholders of the said Parish shall and may, on the Third *Tuesday* of *June* next ensuing, meet at *Chaptico* Bridge, in the said Parish, and there proceed to vote and appoint where the new Church aforesaid, shall stand; which Place, so by the said Freeholders, or the major Part of them, then present chosen, shall be entered by the Register of the said Parish among the Records thereof, as the Place where the said new Church shall be built.

An ACT, for the building a Court-house, and Repository for the Records, in Leonard Town, in *St. Mary's* County.

WHEREAS, the Magistrates of *St. Mary's* County Court, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, have set forth, That the present Court-house of the said County is so far impaired and decayed, that
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the Records of the same County cannot be kept therein with Safety; and have therefore prayed, an Act may pass, as well to enable them to build a Repository, for the safe Custody of the said Records for the present, as for the building a new Court-house :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby authorised and impowered to treat, contract, and agree, with any Builders, Workmen, or Undertakers, for the erecting and building of a Repository and Court-house with Brick, in *Leonard Town*, in the County aforesaid, upon Part of the Land there, now belonging to the County aforesaid : And the Charges and Expences of the said Buildings, not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds, to raise and levy by an equal Assessment, in Four Years, in Money, upon the taxable Inhabitants of the same County.

An ACT, to render the Navigation up *Patuxent River* above *Queen Anne's Town*, in *Prince George's County*, more easy and effectual.

WHEREAS, *Richard Snowden*, on Behalf of himself, and his other Partners, concerned in the Iron Works, on *Patuxent River*, hath, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That *Patuxent River*, from *Queen Anne's Town*, in *Prince George's County*, is lately made navigable for Boats, for above Twenty Five Miles up the said River, by the Petitioner, which will certainly prove very advantageous and convenient to every Inhabitant, and other Person, who have Occasion to convey any Tobacco or other Goods to any Part of *Patuxent River*, or to the Counties bordering upon the said River : And whereas, the Navigation down to *Queen Anne's Town*, is very practicable ; yet, for want of the Banks of the said River being cleared, in some Parts thereof, as to make a Road or Passage for Horses or Men to drag the Boats up, either over the Shoals, or where the Stream is most rapid, the Return of the said Boats up, is so very difficult and tedious, that very few of the Inhabitants will be able to make Use of the Navigation of the said River, as it now is; and have therefore prayed, That they might be impowered, at their own Expence and Labour, to clear a Road or Way, about Ten Feet wide, in such and so many Places on either Side of the said River above *Queen Anne's Town*, as to them should seem proper :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Persons concerned in the said Iron Works, commonly called or known by the Name of, *The Patuxent Iron Work Company*, and they are hereby authorised and impowered, to make and clear, or cause to be made and cleared, such and so many Roads, Passages, Paths, or Ways, not exceeding Ten Feet wide on either or each Side or Sides, Bank or Banks, of the said *Patuxent River*, above *Queen Anne's Town* aforesaid, at their own Expence, Costs, Charges, and Trouble, as to them shall, from Time to Time, seem proper and convenient for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, for dragging or drawing

drawing any Boat, Vessel, or other Water-carriage, up or down the said River, above *Queen Anne's Town* aforesaid.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give any Right or Liberty to the Company aforesaid, to make Use of, or dispose of any Timber or Wood, which shall or may be cut down in the making or clearing the Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume to molest, disturb, or hinder, or cause to be molested, disturbed, or hindered, the making or clearing the Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid; nor shall obstruct, stop, or cause to be obstructed and stopp'd up such, or any of such Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid, when so made or cleared; under the Penalty of satisfying and paying to such Company, all such Costs, Damages, and Charges, as they may be put unto, or suffer, for or by Reason of any such Molestation, Disturbance, Hindrance, Obstruction, or Stoppage: To be recovered, by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the said Company, by the Name of, *The Patuxent Iron Work Company*, in any Court of Record within this Province, with Costs of Suit.

An Explanatory ACT of the Act, intituled, *An Act, to encourage Adventurers in Iron Works.*

WHEREAS, by the said Act, *It is Enacted*, That no White Man or Slave, who should be employed in any Manner about Iron Works, or in providing any Materials of any Nature or Kind soever, for the Furtherance and Carrying on any Iron Work, or Making of Iron, should be obliged to clear, or assist in clearing, any Highways or Roads, or in building of any Bridge or Bridges; with Proviso, that no White Man or Slave, who should be employed in making Tobacco, should have any Exemption:

AND whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that some Iron Works are seated on main Roads; and that several the Inhabitants of this Province, living contiguous to such Works and Roads by them used, are not Makers of Tobacco, and yet occupy and tend Plantations; and that to screen themselves from clearing or repairing the Roads contiguous to Iron Works, enter into the Service of the Undertakers of such Iron Works for some short Space of Time, whereby there are not a sufficient Number of Inhabitants left, to clear the said Roads: For Remedy whereof for the future, it is prayed, it may be Enacted,

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That none of the Inhabitants of this Province, their Servants or Slaves, who are not in actual Service, or shall not be constantly employed in carrying on Iron Works, shall be exempt from clearing and repairing the said Roads.

An ACT, for the Relief of Isaac Tunney, a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; William Pratt, in the same Goal; Richard Standforth, in Charles County Goal; and Samuel Steel, in Queen Anne's County Goal.

WHEREAS, the said Isaac Tunney, Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; William Pratt, in the same Goal; and Richard Standforth, in Charles County Goal; and Samuel Steel, in Queen Anne's County Goal, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, That they have continued Prisoners for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriffs of Talbot, Queen Anne's, and Charles Counties, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances; and not being able to redeem their Bodies, with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily deliver up and part with, to their several and respective Creditors, if they would accept of the same, and grant the said Petitioners their Liberty; which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that unless relieved by a particular Act pass'd in their Favour, which, by their said Petition, they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life. And for that, the Truth of the said Petitioners Allegations are made appear to this present General Assembly, by sufficient Testimonies; and that the said Petitioners are fit Objects of Charity, and that their lying in Goal can be no Benefit to their Creditors, it is humbly prayed, that the said Petitioners may be relieved, according to their Prayers; and that it may be Enacted:

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That unless all, or any of the Creditor or Creditors of the said Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of Talbot, Charles, or Queen Anne's, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees, the Sum of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, that shall or may become due from the said Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel, after the End of the said Twenty Days; and also find the said Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment: And in Case, they the said Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel, shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be delivered up and surrendered, to the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace of the said Counties, whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon, on the Request of the said Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Ten Days, all their Real and Personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, or in Trust, or in, or unto which, they have any Claim or Interest whatsoever; and likewise, before the Day before-mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriffs of Talbot, Charles, and Queen Anne's Counties, for the Use of the said Creditors, all such their Estate, Interest, or Claim, as aforesaid, after such Manner, as by the said Sheriffs, and by the major Part of such Creditors, or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein, or their Council learned in

in the Law, shall reasonably devise or require, at the Costs and Charges of the Persons as shall claim the Benefit thereof; so as the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, be not burthened with any Warranties thereby, other than from themselves, or those that claim by, from, or under them: And that the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, at the Time of such their Surrender and Transferring their Estate, as aforesaid, shall take their solemn Oaths, (or Affirmations, if Quakers,) before the said Two Justices of the Courts aforesaid, to be summoned, as aforesaid, to the Effect following, *viz.*

I A. B. do affirm, or solemnly swear, That the Goods, Debts, and Effects, which I have delivered, assigned, and made over, to the Sheriff of _____ County, and in Trust, for the Use of my Creditors, is the whole Estate, both Real and Personal, of my own, in Possession, or have any Title to in the World: And that I have not any Estate, Goods, or Effects of any kind whatsoever left, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, (the necessary wearing Apparel for my self, Wife, and Children, and working Tools excepted:) And that I have not, directly or indirectly, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed, disposed of, or intrusted all or any Part of my Estate, thereby to defraud my Creditors, or to secure the same, to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof. So help me God.

It shall or may be lawful, for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and the said Sheriffs are hereby required, to discharge the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, out of their Custody, and suffer them to go at Large.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That if the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, shall hereafter be imprisoned, by Reason of any Judgment or Decree, obtained for the Paiment of any Debt, Damage, or Cost; or for, or by Reason of any Debt, Damage, or Cost, contracted, occurred, or occasioned, owing or growing due, before the End of this Session of Assembly; but that upon every such Arrest on any such Judgment or Decree, or for any such Debt, Damage, or Cost, it shall or may be lawful, for the Judge or Justices of the Court where any Process shall issue, upon shewing a Duplicate of the Discharge of the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, being so arrested, to release and discharge out of Custody, the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*; provided the said Prisoners, or either of them, being so arrested, shall and do enter his or their Appearance, or procure some Attorney to appear to every such Action, and plead thereto.

PROVIDED, That the Discharge of the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, shall not acquit any other Person from such Debt, Damage, or Cost, or any Part thereof; but that all such Persons shall be answerable for the same, in such Manner, as they were before the passing this Act.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That notwithstanding the Discharge of the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, all and every Debt or Debts, due and owing from him or them; and all and every Judgment had and taken, or Decree obtained against him or them, shall stand and be good and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, against the Lands, Tenements,

ments, and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, of him or them, which he or they, or any other Person in Trust, for the Use of him or them, at the Time of the Discharge of the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, which he or they, at any Time hereafter, shall or may be any way seised or possessed of, or interested in, to his or their own Use; or in his or their proper Right, either in Law or Equity, except the wearing Apparel and Bedding, or working Tools, of him or them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money: And it shall and may be lawful for any of their Creditors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to take out new Execution or Executions against the Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels of the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, (except as before excepted,) for the Satisfaction of his or their Debts, in such Sort, Manner, and Form, as he or they might have done, if the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, had not been taken in Execution, or discharged by Virtue of this Act.

AND BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action of Escape be brought against any Sheriff, or any Suit or Action against any Justice or Justices, for the performing their Office, in Pursuance of this Act, he may plead the general Issue, and give this Act, and the Matter in Evidence; if the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, or discontinue his or her Action, or Verdict pass against such Plaintiff, or Judgment upon Demurrer, the Defendant shall have and recover double Costs.

PROVIDED ALSO, That nothing in this Act, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to barr any Creditor or Creditors of the before-mentioned Prisoners, from having and maintaining any Action of Escape against any Sheriff who hath permitted any Escape before the making of this Act.

PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, That in Case the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, shall, at any Time after making such his Oath or Oaths, or taking such his Affirmation or Affirmations, as aforesaid, be convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or Non-compliance with the Tenor of such Oath or Affirmation, as aforesaid; that then the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, being convicted, as aforesaid, shall, upon such Conviction, as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him or them, by this Law; and shall, from thenceforth, be liable to be prosecuted for any Debt or Demands whatsoever, in the same Manner, as if this Act had never been made; any thing to the contrary, notwithstanding.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the Sheriffs of *Talbot, Charles, and Queen Anne's* Counties, shall be first satisfied their Imprisonment Fees, out of the respective Effects of the said Prisoners, before any other Creditor or Creditors shall have any Share of the Prisoners Effects; and if the said Prisoners Effects shall not be sufficient to satisfy the Sheriffs their Imprisonment Fees, that then the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, shall satisfy and pay to the Sheriffs, the Residue of their Imprisonment Fees.

PROVIDED, That the said Sheriffs shall not prosecute or imprison the said *Isaac Tunney, William Pratt, Richard Standforth, and Samuel Steel*, within Two Years after his or their Release; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT, for erecting a Town in Cecil County, on the North Side of *Sassafras River*, at a Place known by the Name of *Pennington's Point*, on the Tracts of Land, called *Buntington*, and *Happy Harbour*.

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of *Cecil County*, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, The many Benefits that may arise to themselves, and others, by having a Town erected and laid out, on the North Side of *Sassafras River*, in the said County, known by the Name of *Pennington's Point*, and on the Tracts of Land, called *Buntington*, and *Happy Harbour*:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Colonel *John Ward*, Mr. *Josbua George*, Mr. *John Baldwin*, Mr. *Peregrin Frisby*, and Mr. *Alphonso Cosden*, or any Three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for *Cecil County* aforesaid; and are hereby authorised and impowered, as well to agree for the buying and purchasing Thirty Acres of Land, out of the Tracts aforesaid, and such Part, not exceeding Thirty Acres, as lies most convenient to the said River, as for surveying and laying the same out, in a most convenient Manner, into Sixty equal Lots, to be erected into a Town.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commissioners aforesaid, herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, some Time before the last Day of *December*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six, to meet together on the Tracts of Land aforesaid, or some other convenient Place thereto adjacent; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, or Persons interested in the said Thirty Acres of Land, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed, laid out, and divided, as near as may be, into Sixty equal Lots, allowing such sufficient Space or Quantity thereof, for Streets, Lanes, and Alleys, as to them shall seem meet, with Posts or Stakes towards every Street, Lane, or Alley; the said Lots to be numbered One, Two, Three, and so on to Sixty, for the better and more sure distinguishing each Lot from the other: Of which Sixty Lots, the Owner or Owners of the said Land, shall have his, her, or their first Choice for Two Lots; and after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others: And that no Person shall presume to purchase more than one Lot within the said Thirty Acres, during the first Four Months after laying out the same; and that the said Lots shall be purchased by the Inhabitants of the County aforesaid. And in Case the said Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots within Six Months after such laying out, as aforesaid, it shall then be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner or Owners of the aforesaid Thirty Acres, proportionably for the same. And in Case the said Owner or Owners of the said Thirty Acres of Land shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same; or that through Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, are disabled to make such Sale, as aforesaid, that the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall,

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and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorised, impowered, and required, to issue their Warrants, under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required and impowered, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Freeholders, Inhabitants within the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners, at a certain Day and Time by them to be limited: Which Jury, upon their Oaths, shall enquire to whom the said Land belongs, and assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of the said Thirty Acres of Land, and to all Persons interested therein, according to their several and respective Interests; and what Sum of Money the said Jury shall adjudge the said Thirty Acres of Land to be worth, shall be paid to the Owner or Owners so found by their Verdict, and to all Persons interested therein, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots; which shall give the said Purchaser or Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee Simple in the said Lot or Lots, he or they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Surveior of Cecil County, for the Time being, shall have and receive, for surveying and laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of Four Pounds Current Money, and no more, to be paid and allowed him in the County Levy; and that he return a Plat thereof, to the County Clerk, to be by him kept among the County Records. And in Case the Taker up of such Lot or Lots, refuse or neglect to build upon such Lot or Lots, within Two Years, an House that shall cover Four Hundred square Feet, with a Brick Chimney to the same; that then, it shall and may be lawful for any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to enter upon the said Lot or Lots, so as aforesaid not built upon, paying such Sum of Money as shall be first set and assessed, to the Commissioners aforesaid, or such other Person as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall appoint and nominate to receive the same, for the public Use and Benefit of the said Town; and to be taken up a second Time.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That such Taker up or Purchaser build and finish, within Three Years after such his Entry made, such House as in this Act is before limited and appointed to be built by the first Taker up; which House so built, shall give and settle as good an Estate, to all Intents and Purposes, to such second Taker up and Builder, as aforesaid, his Heirs and Assigns, as is in and by this Act before limited and settled upon the first Taker up and Builder. And in Case any of the said Lots shall be neglected to be taken up in the Town aforesaid, during the Term of Ten Years next after the Publication of this Act; that then, and in such Case, the Owner or Persons interested at first in such Land, shall, after some Time expired, be possessed and interested in the said Lot or Lots, as in their first and former Estate; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Town aforesaid, be called by the Name of *Frederick Town*.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, employ some sufficient Person for their Clerk; and that they cause such Clerk to take an Oath, that he shall make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings, and
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assess reasonable Fees for the said Clerk, to be paid him by the several Takers up of the said Lots; which said Entries they shall cause to be made up in a well bound Book, and lodged with the Clerk of Cecil County Court, for the Inspection of any Person.

SAVING to His Most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, and all Bodies Politic and Corporate; and all Persons not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Person taking up, or being in Possession of any of the Lots taken up in the aforesaid Town, shall be chargeable with, and liable to, the Paiment of One Penny Sterling per Annum for each Lot, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs, for ever: And that the Clerk of the said Commissioners do transmit to his Lordship's Agent, an Account of all Lots taken up, pursuant to the Directions of this Act. And whereas, some People have purchased Lots on the Lands aforesaid,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Land shall be laid out, with as little Detriment to such Purchasers, as possible; and that such former Purchasers shall and may have as good and sufficient Title to their several Lots, as any after Purchasers, by Virtue of this Act, shall or may have; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT, to prevent the making of Seconds.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Persons having the Direction of any Plantation, or Place, where Tobacco shall be made, shall be obliged Yearly, and every Year, during the Continuance of this Act, to cut up, or cause to be cut up, all the Tobacco Stalks on such Plantation, or Place, within the Space of Fifteen Days after the Tobacco shall be cut down, on Pain of forfeiting Five Shillings Current Money, for every Hundred Stalks omitted by them to be cut up; and which, after the End of the said Fifteen Days, shall be found standing on such Plantation, or Place: To be recovered before a single Magistrate; the one Moiety thereof to the Use of the Informmer; and the other to the Use of the public School of the County where the Offence shall be committed, as in Case of small Debts, if the Sum do not exceed Fifty Shillings Current Money; and if the Sum do exceed Fifty Shillings, in the Court of the County where such Offences shall be committed, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen after the End of the said Three Years.

An ACT, for erecting a Town in Kent County, on the South Side of Sassafras River, on a Tract of Land, called Tolechester, at the Place where the Ferry is now kept.

WHEREAS, several of the Inhabitants of Kent County, have, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That many Benefits and Advantages may arise to themselves, and others, the Inhabitants of this Province, and the Traders thereto, by having a Town erected and laid out, on the South Side of Sassafras River, in the said County, in such Part of a Tract of Land called Tolechester, now in Possession of Gideon Pearce, Gentleman, not included in some Lots already laid out and sold by the said Gideon, to sundry Persons, at the Place where the Ferry is now kept:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Captain George Wilson, Mr. Philip Kennard, Mr. Christopher Hall, Mr. Jervis Spencer, and Mr. Thomas Hynson, or any Three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Kent County aforesaid; and are hereby authorized and impowered, as well to agree for the buying and purchasing Sixty Acres of Land, out of the Tract aforesaid, most convenient to the said Ferry Landing, not included in the Lots aforesaid, to be laid out into One Hundred Lots, to be erected with the Lots aforesaid, thereto adjoining, into a Town.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commissioners aforesaid, herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, some Time before the last Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six, to meet together on the Tract of Land aforesaid, or some other convenient Place thereto adjacent; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, or Persons interested in the said Sixty Acres of Land, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed, laid out, and divided, as near as may be, into One Hundred equal Lots, allowing such sufficient Space or Quantity thereof, for Streets, Lanes, and Alleys, as to them shall seem meet, with Posts or Stakes towards every Street, Lane, or Alley; the said Lots to be numbered, as the Commissioners aforesaid shall direct, to distinguish one from the other: Of which One Hundred Lots, the Owner or Owners of the said Land, shall have his, her, or their first Choice for Two Lots; and after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others: And that no Person shall presume to purchase more than One Lot, within the said Sixty Acres, during the first Four Months after laying out the same; and that the said Lots shall be purchased by the Inhabitants of the County aforesaid. And in Case the Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots, within Six Months after such laying out, as aforesaid, it shall then be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner or Owners of the aforesaid Sixty Acres, proportionably for the same. And in Case the said Owner or Owners of the said Sixty Acres shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same; or that through Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, are disabled to make such Sale, as aforesaid, that then the Commissioners,

ers aforesaid, or the major of them, shall, and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorised, impowered, and required, to issue their Warrants, under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required and impowered, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Freeholders, Inhabitants within the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners, at a certain Day and Time by them to be limited: Which Jury, upon their Oaths, shall enquire to whom the said Land belongs, and assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of the said Sixty Acres of Land, and to all Persons interested therein, according to their several and respective Interests; and what Sum of Money the said Jury shall judge the said Sixty Acres of Land to be worth, shall be paid to the Owner or Owners so found by their Verdict, and to all Persons they find interested therein, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots; which shall give the said Purchaser or Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate in Fee Simple in the said Lot or Lots, he or they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Surveior of *Kent* County, for the Time being, shall have and receive, for surveying and laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of Eight Pounds Current Money, and no more, to be paid in the County Levy; and that he return a Plat thereof, and the Lots before laid out and sold, as aforesaid, to the County Clerk, to be by him kept amongst the County Records. And in Case the Takers up of any of such One Hundred Lots, refuse or neglect to build upon the said Lot or Lots, within Three Years, a House that shall cover Four Hundred square Feet, with a Brick Chimney thereto; that then, it shall and may be lawful for any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to enter upon the said Lot or Lots, so as aforesaid not built upon, paying such Sum of Money as shall be first set and assessed upon such Lot, to the Commissioners aforesaid, or such other Person as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint to receive the same, for the public Use and Benefit of the said Town; and to be taken up a second Time.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That such Taker up or Purchaser build and finish, within Seven Years after such his Entry made, such House as in this Act is before limited and appointed to be built by the first Taker up; which House so built, shall give and settle as good an Estate, to all Intents and Purposes, to such second Taker up and Builder, as aforesaid, his Heirs and Assigns, as is in and by this Act before limited and settled upon the first Taker up and Builder. And in Case any of the said One Hundred Lots shall be neglected to be taken up in the Town aforesaid, during the Term of Ten Years next after the Publication of this Act; that then, and in such Case, the Owner or Persons interested at first in such Land, shall, after such Time expired, be possessed and interested in the said Lot or Lots, as in their first or former Estate; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the Town aforesaid, be called by the Name of *George Town*.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, employ some sufficient Person for their Clerk; and that they cause such Clerk to take an

Oath, that he shall make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings; and assess reasonable Fees for the said Clerk, to be paid him by the several Takers up of the said Lots; which said Entries they shall cause to be made up in a well bound Book, and lodged with the Clerk of Kent County Court, for the Inspection of any Person.

SAVING to His Most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, and all Bodies Politic and Corporate; and to all Persons that heretofore have purchased, and had conveyed to them, any Lot aforesaid, adjoining to the said Sixty Acres of Land, and all Persons not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Person taking up, or being in Possession of any of the Lots taken up in the aforesaid Town, shall be chargeable with, and liable to, the Payment of One Penny Sterling Money *per Annum*, for each Lot, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs, for ever: And that the Clerk of the said Commissioners do transmit to his Lordship's Agent, an Account of all Lots taken up, pursuant to the Directions of this Act. And whereas, some People have heretofore purchased, and had conveyed to them, sundry Lots on the Land aforesaid, adjoining to, or near, the said Ferry Landing,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Sixty Acres aforesaid, shall be laid out, with as little Detriment to such Purchasers, as possible; and that such former Purchasers shall and may have as good and sufficient Title to their several Lots, as any after Taker up or Purchaser, by Virtue of this Act, and performing what is therein required, shall or may have; and that such Lots, so as aforesaid, heretofore taken up and conveyed, shall be reputed and taken to be Part of the said George Town; any thing herein, or any Law, or Custom, to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

A Supplementary ACT, to an Act, intituled, *An Act, for the Trial of all Matters of Fact, in the Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise; the Continuance of Causes in the Provincial Court, and Adjournment of that Court, and for continuing the same; and for the Continuance of Causes in the Provincial and County Courts, and to enlarge the Time for taking out Executions.*

WHEREAS, by the said Act, It is Enacted, That where any General Verdict shall be found in any Criminal Cause, against any Person, before the said Justices of Assize, wherein the Judgment is not certainly known and settled by Law; or wherein the said Justices, or either of them, should be in any Doubt, or under any Difficulty, what Judgment to give upon such Verdict, that then, in such Case, no Judgment should be given; but that the Judgment be referred, to be given on such Verdict, to the Consideration of the Provincial Court, who should and might give Judgment therein; by Means whereof, after Verdict, no Judgment should be given against any Offender

Offender by the said Justices, unless the same Judgment was directed and limited by Law; which has caused several Persons, for want of Security, to attend at, and abide the Judgment of the said Provincial Court, to remain in Prison, until the same Court was held, tho' they prayed immediate Judgment to be pronounced against them, to the great Expence of every such Offender: For Remedy whereof,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or Goal Delivery, at any Assize hereafter to be held, may, at the Prayer of any Criminal hereafter to be convicted, give Judgment against any such Criminal, although the same Judgment is or shall not be directed and limited by Law; any thing in the same Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That each of the Justices of Assize, instead of the Five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco limited by the said recited Act, shall be allowed Thirty Five Pounds Current Money, in the Levy; to be paid, as other Part of the Public and County Levies are, by Law, payable.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the same recited Act, and this present Act, shall be and continue in full Force, for and during the Term of Three Years next ensuing, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Three Years.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no Action or Actions now depending in the Provincial Court be discontinued, for or by Reason that such Action or Actions hath or have been continued longer than the several Acts of Assembly, limiting the Continuance of Actions, prescribe; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Provincial Court, to continue any Action or Actions now depending in the said Court, or which hath or have been already depending, longer than the Time limited for Continuance of Actions, or which cannot be conveniently tried within the Time now limited by Law, Two Courts longer than the Laws now in Being limit and appoint; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the several and respective Justices of the County Courts within this Province, who already have adjourned the last March Court to any Time before June Court next; and who shall be hindered from proceeding to Business, either by the Continuance of this Session of Assembly, or Sitting of the superior Courts of Judicature; or who shall not be able to finish the Business before them, at the Times to which such Adjournments have been made, to continue any Cause or Causes in their said respective Courts until next June Court: And if Need be, to continue any Suit or Action now depending in any of their Courts, for Two Courts longer than the Number of Courts limited and prescribed by the Act, intituled, *An Act, to limit the Continuance of Actions in several Courts within this Province; and ascertaining the Manner of taking the Evidence of Seafaring Men; and for granting Appeals from the Chancery Court, to the Governor and Council, in or by any other Act; any thing in the said recited Act, or any other Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.**

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AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Judgment which shall be recovered in any County Court of this Province, which hath been adjourned to any Time between last March and June next, at the Time of such Adjournment; or which shall be rendered or recovered next June Court, in any Action now actually depending and triable in March Court, shall be subject or liable to be superseded, by Virtue of the Act, for Stay of Execution after the Tenth Day of May, Yearly; or the Supplementary Act thereto, until the First Day of August next; any thing in the said Acts, or any other Law, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT, to enlarge the Time of shipping Tobacco this present Year.

WHEREAS, the Severity and Unseasonableness of the Weather the last Winter and present Spring, have continued longer than can be remembered, whereby the most industrious Planters have been hindered from getting their Tobacco in the same Readiness for Shipping, that it used to be in the Month of February, in former Years; and that the Ships are much later in coming in than usual, so that the carrying an Act, intituled, *An Act, for Limitation of the Time of shipping Tobacco*, into strict Execution this present Year, would be attended with many Inconveniencies to the Inhabitants of this Province, and all others concerned in the Trade thereof:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to ship Tobacco on Board of any Ship or Vessel, at any Time before the First Day of October, in this present Year, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Six; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An ACT, for the Paiment of the Public Levy.

WHEREAS, it would be very inconvenient and burthenfome to the People to pay, by Way of Tax or Assessment, the Arrears that are now due from the Public: And whereas, there is a Sum of Money lying in the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting the Bills of Credit, the Circulation whereof, would be not only advantageous to the Province, but the taking so much thereof, as will pay the said Public Arrears, out of the said Office, will save the Country considerable Commission, which must be paid, in Case the same were levied by Tax or Assessment:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the said Commissioners or Trustees are hereby required and authorised, immediately to pay to the several Persons, who have at present any Demands upon the Public, the several Sums of Money due to such Persons, as they appear to be
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stated and ascertained by the Journals of Accounts, assented to by both Houses of this present Assembly, as also to pay to such Persons, the Sum of Sums of Ten Shillings *per Hundred*, and so *pro Rato*, for all Quantities of Tobacco, which are allowed them in the said Journals of Accounts, the several Salaries to the Sheriffs excepted.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners or Trustees, for their Trouble in putting this Act in Execution, are hereby authorised to take to their own Use, the Sum of Five Pounds *per Cent.* for all the Money which shall be paid by them, by Virtue of this Act, and so *pro Rato*, for any lesser Sum.

Titles of the Three PRIVATE LAWS.

AN ACT, to cut off the Entail of a Tract of Land, lying in Dorchester County, called Anderton's Point, containing One Hundred and Eight Acres; and to entail, in Lieu thereof, One Hundred and Eleven Acres of Land, lying in the said County, being Part of a Tract of Land, called Richardson's Choice.

An ACT, for the Paiment of a Sum of Money to Andrew Ramsay, Henry Maccaul; and William Gordon, of Glasgow, in the Kingdom of Great-Britain, Merchants.

An ACT, to cut off the Entail of a Tract of Land, containing One Hundred and Thirty Acres, lying in Dorchester County, being Part of a Tract of Land, called Goodridge's Choice; and to entail, in Lieu thereof, a Tract of Land, called the Hope, containing Fifty Acres, also another Tract, called the Addition to the Hope, containing One Hundred and Seventeen Acres, both lying in the said County of Dorchester.

A List of the LAWS passed this Session.

AN Act, Reviving and Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act, for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace.*

An Act, to Continue an Act, intituled, An Act, for Raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned.

An Act, to continue an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act, for the better Relief of poor Debtors.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act, for Emitting and Making Current, Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit; and to Restrain some evil Practices of Sberiffs, under Colour of the the said Act, committed.

An Act, Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act, to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco, and Tobacco-houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences.

- An Act, for Building a Public Goal, in Annapolis.* Page 4
- An Act, relating to the Placing and Building a Prison in Somerset County.* 5
- An Act, Enabling the Commissioners or Trustees for Lmitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, to pay to the Representatives of several Counties, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds each.* 5
- An Act, Ascertainning the Gauge and Tar on Tobacco Hog sheads; and to prevent Cutting, Copping, and Defacing Tobacco, taken on board Ships or Vessels, upon Freight.* 6
- An Act, for the further Assessment of Twenty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of Durham Parish, in Charles County, to be applied to the finishing of a new Church in the same Parish, already begun to be built.* 9
- An Act, for the further Assessment of so much Money on the taxable Inhabitants of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's and Charles Counties, as will build a new Church, in that Part of the Parish which lies in St. Mary's County; for the Repairing of Newport Church, in the same Parish, already begun to be built; and to appoint a Time for the Freeholders to meet, in order to chuse a Place to build the said Church upon.* 10
- An Act, for the building a Court-house, and Repository for the Records, in Leonard Town, in St. Mary's County.* 11
- An Act, to render the Navigation up Patuxent River above Queen Anne's Town, in Prince George's County, more easy and effectual.* 12
- An Explanatory Act of the Act, intituled, An Act, to encourage the Adventurers in Iron Works.* 13
- An Act, for the Relief of Isaac Tunney, a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; William Pratt, in the same Goal; Richard Standforth, in Charles County Goal; and Samuel Steel, in Queen Anne's County Goal.* 14
- An Act, for erecting a Town in Cecil County, on the North Side of Sassafras River, at a Place known by the Name of Penington's Point, on the Tracts of Land, called Buntington, and Happy Harbour.* 17
- An Act, to prevent the making of Seconds.* 20
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- An Act, to enlarge the Time of shipping Tobacco this present Year.* 24
- An Act, for the Payment of the Public Levy.* 24



